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Karas language

Karas is a divergent Trans–New Guinea language spoken on the biggest of the Karas Islands off the Bomberai Peninsula, that appears to be most closely related to the West Bomberai languages. It is spoken in Antalisa and Mas villages on Karas Island.[3]

Karas	
Kalamang	
Region	West Papua
Native speakers	100 (2000)[1]
Language family	Trans–New Guinea ▪ Berau Gulf ▪ West Bomberai ▪ **Karas**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kgv
Glottolog	kara1499 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kara1499)[2]

Pronouns

Cowan (1953) records the following pronouns for Karas.

	SG	DU	PL
1	aan	inir	piridok (exc.) aantemu (?) (inc.)
2	kame	?	kijumene
3	mame	mjeir	mubameir

Visser (2016) records the following pronouns for Karas of Maas village:

Free nominative

	SG	DU	PL
1	an	pi-er, in-ier	pi, in
2	ka	ki-er	ki
3	ma	m-ier	mu

Free possessive

	SG	PL
1	aŋ-gon	iŋ-gon
2	ka-in	ki-n
3	ma-in	mu-in

Possessive suffix

	SG	PL
1	-an	-pe, -p-in
2	-tʃa	-tʃe
3	-un	-un

Speakers deny that the difference between the two 1pl forms is clusivity, pace Cowan. The free possessives and possessive suffixes can occur together.[4]

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